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a fastening surface comprising a curable material, and complementary fastening surface,
wherein the curable material comprises a combination of at least one thermosettable composition and at least one thermoplastic composition; and
wherein the fastening surface is capable of being repeatedly attached and unattached to the complementary fastening surface, and wherein the fastening surface is capable of becoming permanently attached to the complementary fastening surface when cured.

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7. (Amended) The curable mechanical fastener of claim 1, wherein the thermosettable composition comprises at least one thermosettable material selected from the group consisting of (meth)acrylates, urethanes, ethers, epoxies, cyanates, esters, phenolics, polyimides, amine formaldehyde condensates, and mixtures thereof.

8. (Amended) The curable mechanical fastener of claim 1, wherein the thermosettable composition comprises an epoxy.

9. (Amended) The curable mechanical fastener of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic composition comprises at least one thermoplastic material selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyolefins, polyamides, polyethers, polyurethanes, plasticized polyvinyl chloride, thermoplastic elastomer block copolymers, phenoxy resins, polyketones, silicones, polyetherimides, polycarbonates, polysulfones, polyoxides, and mixtures thereof.

10. (Amended) The curable mechanical fastener of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic composition comprises a polyester.

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12. (Amended) The curable mechanical fastener of claim 1, wherein the thermosettable composition comprises an epoxy and the thermoplastic composition comprises a polyester.

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26. (Amended) A multi-part curable mechanical fastener, comprising:
a first part comprising a fastening surface;
a second part comprising a complementary fastening surface that

complements the fastening surface;

wherein at least one of the fastening surface and the complementary fastening surface is at least partially fabricated from a curable material comprising a combination of at least one thermosettable composition and at least one thermoplastic composition, such that when the fastening surface is mechanically attached to the complementary fastening surface, the multi-part curable mechanical fastener is capable of being cured to provide a permanent fastener.

Please add new claims 27-28:

27. (New) The curable mechanical fastener of claim 26, wherein both the fastening surface and the complementary fastening surface comprises a curable material.

28. (New) The curable mechanical fastener of claim 27, wherein the curable material of either the fastening surface or the complementary surface comprises a functionalized-thermoplastic composition.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 26 have been amended. Claims 4-6 have been canceled. New claims 27 and 28 have been added. Support for the new claims is found on page 7, lines 4-5, and page 11, lines 25-31.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-5, 13, 16, 19, and 21-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cohen. The Examiner states that Cohen discloses two (web member) parts and an interposed slow curing epoxy resin with a curing catalyst.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 6 in that the curable material comprise a thermosettable and a thermoplastic material. In light of the amendment, Applicants submit that the rejection is overcome. Cohen discloses a